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17 September 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Wilson  
Mr. Knoche

SUBJECT: Imagery Transmission Net for Washington - Possible  
Topic in Your CCF Meeting Today at DIA

25X1 1. [redacted], DIA, phoned to ask me to get the word to you that  
the revised DIA position on a Washington photofacsimile network is for  
25X1 only [redacted] DCI/Langley,  
and [redacted] Pentagon.

25X1 2. [redacted] thinks that General Tighe may bring this up in the CCF  
discussion with you today.

3. The DIA working levels have been told to support this. Apparently,  
ASD(I) has been pressing DIA, which had reported in EXSUBCOM/COMIREX that  
it favored a 14-station network.

4. ASD(I) has always argued to "try before you buy." The CIA  
view, representing the substantive PI/analyst world, was and is "to  
provide a modest initial operational capability."

5. The DCI decided in April 1975 in favor of the analyst world.  
Otherwise, why would the DCI instruct the CIA Office of Communications  
to "develop, install, test and operate" the system?

6. General Tighe will be searching today to see if there is any  
softness in your view.

7. I recommend:

a. You hold firm at 10 stations. Otherwise, the DCI cannot  
effectively direct the IC in crisis intelligence support to  
national decision makers.

b. The DCI will accept suggestions on how to make an opera-  
tional test program as meaningful as possible. This is what the  
DCI will say to USIB members, inviting their suggestions.

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8. This bureaucratic wrestling by ASD(I) is making the Contractor restive. He wants assurance from me that he should allocate manpower to go on with this work. I am not authorized to give this firm assurance yet, but I will try to assuage him for a bit longer.

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(Attachment to C/IHC memo to General Wilson dtd 17 Sept 75, DCI/IC 75-1542)

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Attached is a listing of the 10 stations which I will recommend in my report be included in a DCI-sponsored Imagery Transmission System - Washington (ITS-W) initial operational network.

This listing of 10 stations was derived from an examination of the justifications and requirements from over [ ] candidates, which were originally identified in the NPIC INVIDEX study and/or the DIA/JCS WAID study. That larger list is shown on 3 view-graph copies, also attached. They are listed as "National", "National and Departmental" and "Departmental" -- although these subdivisions are not totally watertight.

- The recommended 10-stations are marked in red on these 3 view-graphs.

- DIA in EXSUBCOM/COMIREX initially identified these ten, plus four more (which are marked in green on the attached view-graphs). After further discussion with ASD(I), DIA's official position has now changed to recommend only [ ] [ ] NMIC and DCI/Langley.

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